Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There was reasons to doubt because I maintain that the ratio of skilled personnel means nothing.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I am only making a request to the Hon'ble Member for Revenue, whether he will not be pleased to make an attempt.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I shall make an attempt if the question is made specific.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—All the industries were included and not one particular industry. But since the Hon'ble Member has not cared to understand it I shall be satisfied if an honest attempt is made by him.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—In what direction ? If my Hon'ble friend will be more specific and state what industry should be taken I shall make an attempt. Am I to take all the industries in the State to find out the number of labourers ?

President.—That is what is wanted.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot make any promise without taking Government orders.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether statistics are available in any of the Presidencies ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—So far as I know there is none.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—So far as I also know there is none.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—Expressions of opinion on the floor of the House may not advance our cause very much but certainly any report on these subjects will give the figures and the distinction between the two classes of workers.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there any distinction between a skilled worker and an unskilled worker ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A skilled worker is one who is skilled in the process of work and an unskilled worker is one who has no skill in the processes of work.

Housing problem in the State.

314. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 82, dated 1st August 1933, regarding the main aspects of the general housing problem in the State, will the Government supply the information, bearing to Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Trichur and Cranganur?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question is too abstract and general to admit of a definite answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why does the Government give such archaic answers ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—To such archaic questions archaic answers are given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the generalness and abstractness in the words "Housing problem".

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The generalness and abstractness in the housing problem comes in the use of the words "The general housing problem".

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There was reference to particular towns also after that i. e., with reference to Ernakulam, Mattancherry and Cranganore.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government still do not understand what is the general housing problem with regard to these towns.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the Government meet this proposition in their own version ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It cannot. Before making an attempt I should understand the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not the housing problem the main concern of every progressive Government ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Housing problem in what sense ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have not the Government heard about the housing problems undertaken by Great Britain?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am not aware of the housing problems of Great Britain.

Mr K. Ayyappan.—Is the Revenue Member unaware of the housing problem in Great Britain ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am not aware.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I want to know whether the Government are aware.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is aware that housing problems are tackled by manyother Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what the existing conditions are with regard to the distribution of huts, houses, mansions, insanitary houses and luxurious palaces ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Luxurious palaces are luxurious and sanitary houses are sanitary. If the question is precise, I want notice.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Government have no information whatsoever regarding even the elementary conditions of the Housing problems of the State? Is that the position of the Government ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If the question is put how many houses are insanitary, I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At least, in future, Sir may I take it that such elementary things which are very intimately connected with the economic progress of any progressive administration will be given due importance by the Government members ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—All elementary and important things will be given the importance they deserve.

Economic Equilibrium—revival of.

315. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Question No. 92 dated 1st August 1933, regarding the revival of the Economic Equilibrium, will the Government give in full the "conclusions" of the Economic Survey, mentioned in their answer under reference and state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Economic Survey is not over.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the materials so far collected by the survey admit of any conclusions however tentative ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The report is not published and it is not before the Government. Therefore, they are not in a position to say whether upon the materials so far furnished final conclusion can be made upon any matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Some materials were already placed before the House on a previous occasion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No materials so far as I know were placed here with respect to economic equilibrium. I do not think the materials will be of any help with respect to economic equilibrium.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will it not admit of any conclusion whether definite or tentative ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The report is not published and the report is not before the Government. The materials so far published do not enable us to give a definite answer or to come to a definite conclusion with regard to the revival of the economic equilibrium.

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